HOUSE RESOLUTION 365

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Wilma Campbell Jarmon of Fayette County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Wilma Campbell Jarmon; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Jarmon was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the third of four children born to the late Orestes, Sr., and Elise Campbell of Somerville, Wilma Jarmon, at an early age, accepted Christ as her personal savior at Mt. Olive CME Church, where she remained active for most of her life; and

WHEREAS, a faithful member of the Mt. Olive Choir, Ms. Jarmon also stood as president of the Missionary Society for fourteen illustrious years and rendered sterling service on the district and annual conference levels, participating in the Annual Conference Choir, as Chairperson of the Fine Arts Department of the Northwest District Missionary Society, and as Division Leader of Programs for the West Tennessee Region Missionary Society; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Jarmon graduated from Fayette County Training School in Somerville in 1957 and continued her education at Lane College in Jackson, from which she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education; and

WHEREAS, furthering her studies, she received a master's degree in Administration and Supervision from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jarmon served with acumen and alacrity as an elementary school teacher in the Fayette County School System for thirty-eight exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate educator, she worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; she especially enjoyed teaching third grade; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, she lent her time and talents to the National

Teachers Association, the Tennessee Teachers Association, and the Pride of the West Order of

Eastern Star #189; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Jarmon enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Obie L. Jarmon, Sr., who preceded her in death, and was the proud mother of three daughters, Dawn Blair, Andrea Bather, and Crystal Jarmon; and

WHEREAS, she will be sorely missed by her stepchildren, Obie Jarmon and Sharron Jarmon; her eleven grandchildren; her great-grandchild; her three brothers, the Rev. Waldo Campbell, Orestes Campbell, Jr., and the Rev. Alven Campbell, her half-sister, Ida Pearl Tate; her four brothers-in-law, Elvin Jarmon, Robert Jarmon, Sr., John Jarmon, Sr., and George Buford; her six sisters-in-law, Ernestine Dowell, Rev. the Rev. Shirley Rayford, Maurine Bronaugh, Lucy Jarmon, Minnie Sue Patterson, and Gwen Watson; and

WHEREAS, she is also survived by special friends, neighbors, and caregivers, Ometha Speights, the Williamson family, and the staff at Centennial Medical Center and Imperial Manor Convalescent Center, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Jarmon leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Wilma Campbell Jarmon, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Jarmon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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